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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 12, 2024
TO: City Council
FROM: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON WOODLAND LIBRARY PATIO PROJECT

In March 2022, the Library Commission Infrastructure Subcommittee presented a report on the Woodland Library Patio Project that had a conceptual framework of proposed programs and amenities for the outdoor space at Woodland Library. The Infrastructure Subcommittee was directed to continue working on the project.

In December 2022, the Library Commission unanimously approved the Woodland Expanded Patio Project as presented.

After that approval, the Infrastructure Subcommittee provided the general proposal for a Woodland Expanded Patio Project to the Los Altos Library Endowment to explore funding opportunities. It was determined that this project would wait until after the Main Library Patio project is considered by the Los Altos Planning Commission.

In August 2024, the Los Altos Library Endowment was made aware of a native plant garden project by Greentown Los Altos in the proposed area for the Woodland Library Patio. Accordingly, the Los Altos Library Endowment team gathered that group and key library stakeholders to discuss how the two projects could work together moving forward.

At the September 16, 2024, the Library Commission received a report from the Chair and LALE Liaison Fawcett regarding recent progress on the Woodland Library Patio project. This initial conversation amongst key stakeholders, which included individuals from Santa Clara County Library District, Los Altos Library Endowment, Greentown Los Altos, and the Library Commission LALE Liaison.

Since that meeting, the Los Altos Library Endowment team has created renderings of what the space could look like that are being circulated for feedback from Library patrons and staff. These renderings were completed based upon the proposal by the Library Commission Infrastructure

Committee and match the existing area with decomposed granite and paver edgework that matches the existing Woodland Library Patio.

In addition to the patio, these renderings show what could potentially happen with the native plant garden project that is adjacent to the patio, but Greentown Los Altos is working on their own design of specific plants and layouts of the space.

City staff has attached the renderings to this memorandum.

At the first January Library Commission meeting, the Los Altos Library Endowment team will present these renderings and welcome feedback on the patio renderings.

Once the Library Commission has provided feedback on this project and any adjustments have been made, the Los Altos Library Endowment team will submit drawings for review and consideration of the City of Los Altos.

The City acknowledges that the Woodland Library Patio is subject to the compliance with all legal requirements, including and but not limited to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). No financial commitment shall be construed to compel the City to approve or make any particular findings with respect to any environmental documentation that is prepared, pursuant to CEQA, for any portion of the Project. The City retains full discretion to approve any CEQA documents prepared or to analyze environmental impacts or the Project.